

Air Force Prime Time, a weekly news magazine for and about airmen stationed overseas, airs Thursday evenings at 8:25 p.m. Central European Time on AFN television. In this week's edition, humanitarian missions in former Eastern-bloc countries, Operation Provide Hope 2000, peace keeping troops in Kosovo and more.

News briefs

Wanted

Douglas Lee Saferite, convicted in absentia of multiple charges of theft and sale of government computer equipment by a court-martial in July, is being sought for questioning by Air Force Office of Special Investigations agents for flight to avoid prosecution.

A senior airman with the 52nd Communications Squadron before his conviction, he is a 24-year-old Caucasian, 6-feet, weighs 168 pounds with a slim build, has brown hair and blue eyes.

Anyone with information about Saferite or his whereabouts is asked to call 06565-616291 or 06565-616371 during the day, or 06565-616666 after duty hours and on weekends.

Hospital closure

The 52nd Medical Group clinics and ancillary services (lab, pharmacy and radiology) close at 9 a.m. today for an official function.

Emergency services will be available at the Bitburg hospital and ambulance services will be offered on Spangdahlem. Call the particular clinic directly for more information.

Honor guard exhibition

The U.S. Air Force Honor Guard performs a 16-person rifle and drill exhibition at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the base gym. Call Tech. Sgt. Malik Sultan at 452-6108 for details.

Bitburg repaving project

Bitburg housing area buildings 23 and 24, 26 and 27, 29 and 30, and 32 and 33 parking lots will be painted and numbered Wednesday, weather permitting. Vehicles should be removed from the parking area that morning.

Residents planning to be away from home Monday through Wednesday should park their vehicles outside of these parking areas before leaving.

Until the painting project begins on Monday, Brischetto Loop is again redesignated a two-way street.

Tip of the Hat

To present the proper military image while in uniform, members won't stand or walk with hands in the pocket except to retrieve a personal item.

Also, members must wear headgear outdoors and while operating two-wheeled vehicles except when wearing safety headgear. Members shouldn't wear headgear indoors except for armed security forces members or others bearing arms while performing assigned duties and medical food inspectors who wear paper hats or hair nets while performing facility inspections.

Wear of headgear is optional in "no-hat" areas designated by the commander. The

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Airman 1st Class Kimberlie Drews

Airman 1st Class Frank Zawada, 23rd Fighter Squadron, replaces an AIM-9 missile cover after recovering an F-16 from a daily mission at Green Flag, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. A dozen F-16s and about 170 Spangdahlem airmen participated in the exercise, which started Aug. 5. The "Hawks" return home in September after flying support for the F-15C weapons instructor course.

Hawks take home mission experience

By 1st Lt. Angela Johnson
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. - The 23rd Fighter Squadron "Hawks" honed their war fighting skills during their two-week deployment to Green Flag recently.

The F-16 squadron deployed about 170 people to participate in the exercises. Pilots, maintainers and other support personnel participated in the combat training exercise that focused on electronic warfare.

Teamwork and lots of hard work allowed the squadron to launch 10 F-16s twice daily allowing both pilots and maintainers to gain maximum exposure and training during the exercise.

"I was a mission commander for a 55 aircraft strike package," said Capt. James Abatti, 23rd FS flight commander.

"The training gave me the experience necessary to plan and execute large force strike packages during future conflicts."

Abatti was chosen, along with two other members of the 23rd FS, to be a mission commander during the exercise. The three pilots were chosen because they were experienced members of the squadron who had never led a large force exercise or mission. The squadron was given four mission commander slots out of the 19 available during the two-week deployment, allowing it to upgrade three more mission commanders. These new mission commanders will then be qualified to lead missions in future deployments like the Aerospace Expeditionary Force, which the squadron is slated for in December.

"We are a young squadron," said Capt. Philip Malebranche,

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FOCUS money improves quality of life across USAFE

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany

— With more than \$20 million targeted at major bases and geographically separated units over the last four years, U.S. Air Forces in Europe continues to improve quality of life for people across the command, according to officials here.

Since 1997, USAFE commanders have targeted projects under the Funding Opportunities for Communities in USAFE, or FOCUS, program.

Under the program, facilities and programs are identified that may not have otherwise been funded, said Raymond Hosse, a budget analyst with the USAFE Financial Management and Comptroller directorate.

"It's really a COMUSAFE initiative. The money is typically directed towards quality of life upgrades, communications enhancements and youth programs, things that make life better for people," he said.

FOCUS money comes from a central account held for the USAFE commander. "It's generally used for quality-of-life issues that sometimes take a back seat to direct mission requirements," Hosse said.

In recent years, the FOCUS program has funded a range of projects, including improvements to playgrounds, chapels, school cafeterias and fitness centers. Some

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23rd FS flight commander. "The training we get here helps us teach the younger pilots how to interact with other forces and see that there are 30 other aircraft out there that we have to protect."

Similar to an actual conflict, an Air Tasking Order is sent out the day prior to each mission giving all of the targets and missions for the following day. The squadron is then tasked to put together a strike package utilizing the strengths of the deployed units to accomplish the mission and minimize the losses to Blue Air (the good guys).

It takes a lot of man-hours to plan a mission and make it all come together. The pilots work not only with intelligence, maintenance and weapons personnel, but they also work together with pilots of aircraft ranging from F-15s and EA-6s to MC-130s and KC-135s. A strike package is composed using a variety of aircraft from the U.S. inventory with the intention of fighting against an Integrated Air Defense System. An IADS consists of enemy aircraft,

surface to air missiles, and early warning radars. The Green Flag IADS is composed of dedicated units from Nellis AFB and a deployed fighter unit from Luke AFB, Arizona.

"The exposure our young pilots receive with things like the dynamic IADS at Nellis is a step above the training we get in Germany," said Capt. Todd Seger, 23rd FS Weapons officer. "We're training for a scenario which is two to three times more robust than we expect in combat - we're training with the A team and plan to fight a C team."

When asked to evaluate how well the squadron was doing in the exercises, Seger said the 23rd FS is doing above average compared to other units here.

"This is mostly due to the challenging training scenarios we set up at home," said Seger. "European training deployments and the squadron's participation in Operation Allied Force has given our squadron some advantage here."

However, even with all of the training accomplished at Spangdahlem, there are some things that cannot be done back in Germany. At Green Flag, the pilots are allowed to train at 500 feet above ground level, drop live bombs, work against an integrated IADS and employ in large force strike

packages.

The training that the pilots receive is also carried over to the maintenance and support side of the deployment.

"This exercise allows our younger troops to get used to working around the aircraft and live bombs - something we can't do at Spangdahlem," said Senior Airman Alex Barkey, 23rd FS crew chief. "Getting used to the heat, amount of work and hours will also help prepare us for future deployments - especially our Air Expeditionary Force deployment to Saudi."

On average the maintenance crews are working about 10 hours daily with temperatures in the 100's outside. The maintainers have been told to add about 30 degrees to the outside temperature to get the correct temperature on the flight line - thus they are working in temperatures around 130 degree Fahrenheit. The importance of water and hydration is something they are learning, which will be helpful in the future AEF deployment.

The best thing about coming to Green Flag for some first time deployers is that they learn more about the big picture and how all of the little things fit together.

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mission-related areas have also benefited from the program, with installations getting money for communications upgrades and maintenance workplace initiatives such as shelving and storage bins.

About \$1.2 million was directed at summer youth programs across the command in fiscal 1999. Child development centers and other community areas have also benefited from \$3.3 million for improvements since fiscal 1997.

USAFE leaders have especially stressed improving conditions at its far-flung GSUs, from England and Norway to Greece and Turkey.

This year alone, the command targeted FOCUS money on a range of GSU projects, including chapel upgrades at RAFs Croughton and Fairford, England, and Izmir AS, Turkey. New school cafeteria equipment was delivered to RAFs Croughton and Feltwell, England; Geilenkirchen NATO AB, Germany; and Izmir and Ankara, Turkey.

Included in the FOCUS Fund grant to RAF Lakenheath was approval to upgrade the chapel at nearby RAF Feltwell.

"This well-used facility had fallen below Air Force quality of life standards at the exact same time that it was experiencing phenomenal growth in chapel attendance," said USAFE Commander Gen. Gregory S. Martin. "These actions send a clear signal that the leadership is serious about making quality of life a reality."

The USAFE commander personally approves all the projects but "the credit for the success of this program lies with the wing commanders," said Martin. "They are out there and know what areas need the most investment, and they have spent the time to justify their needs". (USAFE News Service)

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Spangdahlem supplement to Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Attachment 5, lists the no-hat areas for the base.

Unless the outdoor area is specifically listed in the supplement as a no-hat area, hats are mandatory. The entrance to billeting and base service station covered areas are two examples of mandatory headgear areas.

This information and more on dress and appearance standards is contained in Air Force Instruction 36-2903.

Unit uniform purchases

Uniform items carried as individual equipment in clothing issue through base supply can be purchased through the Spangdahlem Military Clothing Sales Store as a unit order. These purchases include uniform items units deem necessary for operations, such as rank insignia patches or boots, said Chuck Harper, base MCSS manager.

Unit purchases can be mixed by providing a list of quantities of each item. An example of a mixed order is varying grades within an order of rank insignia patches, Harper said.

Discount prices aren't available on unit purchases because uniform items are sold at cost and item pricing is determined by the Air Force Uniform Board, Harper said.

Delivery is usually within three weeks. Express service is also available for a fee. This service usually takes about five working days, based

on the vendor's stock. Boots are an example of a common unit purchase. Call the store at 452-6972 for more information.

Correction

In last week's Eifel Times, the person to the right in the photo with the article, "Civil Service Hiring System Changes its Method," is Frank Misaege, 52nd Communications Squadron Plans and Implementation Flight chief.

Chemical warfare training

Chemical warfare refresher training takes place at 7:30 a.m. and at noon Monday in Building 316. Initial training takes place 8 a.m. Monday in the same building. Call 452-6501 for details.

Repair technicians wanted

The 52nd Fighter Wing Gold Flag Office needs repair technicians. Applicants must have a five-skill level or higher and at least 12 months on station. A maintenance background with some electronics experience is preferred, but not required. Call Master Sgt. Kevin McHugh at 452-7737 for details.

Instructors needed

The Wing Software Training Program needs instructors to teach Microsoft Office Applications, HTML and Web server administration. Call

Marty Chavez-Hatton at 452-5384 for details.

Equipment management

Deployed equipment should be processed through the Equipment Management Element by deploying custodians before departure. Call 452-6870 for details.

Munitions inventory

The munitions storage area suspends routine munitions transactions Sept. 11-22 to conduct inventories. Only emergency requests submitted in accordance with applicable directives will be honored. Call Tech. Sgt. Robert Keyser at 452-6743 for details.

Legal assistance closure

American Legal Assistance is cancelled for this Tuesday and Wednesday. Call 452-6796 for emergency assistance.

Skills evaluations

Skills evaluations for youth soccer takes place at 10 a.m. Saturday on the Spangdahlem Middle School fields.

Evaluations for youth flag football takes place at 2 p.m. Saturday children ages 9-10 and at 3 p.m. Saturday for children ages 11-13 behind the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center.

Late evaluations take place Tuesday and Wednesday. Call youth sports at 452-7546 for more information.

Rush for 'blues' uniform shorts local store stock

By Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

As deadlines for implementation of revised unit uniform policies crept closer, Spang-dahlem Military Clothing Sales Store service dress uniform stocks dwindled.

"Men's and women's pants and shirts were hit the hardest," said Chuck Harper, MCSS manager.

Harper recently sent in an emergency order for blues dress uniform items to replenish the store's reduced stock as members purchase new "blues" to meet U.S. Air Forces in Europe revised uniform requirements. Formerly, the Battle Dress Uniform was the most commonly worn dress-of-the-day on base, but as of Aug. 1, offices were required to incorporate the blue dress uniform into office policy.

Harper suggests that in the future, members try to make uniform purchases as early as possible before their office implementation date because certain sizes and items seem to move especially quickly. Racks of men's pants show that sizes 34 through 38 were popular and so were women's pants in comparison to the number of skirts sold; however, this doesn't always hold true.

"It's tricky, but we try to predict how many of each item and size to order to keep our stock up for our customers based on reorder and inventory management tools," Harper said. "We're also here to ensure uniforms fit in accordance with uniform regulations."

Call 452-6972 for more information.

Prevent falls, aid mission readiness

Staff Sgt. Shelly Barton
52nd Fighter Wing Safety

Readiness is key to successful mission accomplishment, including member health and safety. Slips, trips and falls are a detriment to mission readiness as they account for the majority of industrial and home accidents.

Housekeeping is the best way to prevent such accidents. Keep your home and work area clean and free of hazards, including spilled liquids on the floor or electrical wires lying across home or office walkways.

Even though hazards are routinely seen, they usually aren't corrected until someone's hurt. When hazards are noticed the right thing to do is correct it or report it to someone who can.

Use the following tips to keep your

home and work area safe and help maintain mission readiness.

■Keep the floor clear. Safely tuck telephone and electrical cords out of walkways and reduce clutter.

■Keep the floor clean. Clean up spills immediately.

■Use only non-skid throw rugs. Repair or replace rugs and mats that have curled edges.

■Keep working areas well lit.

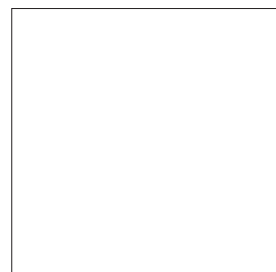
■Use a sturdy step-stool when climbing or reaching high places.

■Ensure uneven surfaces are clearly marked.

■Use non-slip mats inside and outside showers and bathtubs.

■Keep porches and walkways clear of water, ice and snow.

With everyone's effort and



Photos by Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey

Staff Sgt. Adrienne King, 52nd Comptroller Squadron, cleans a spill to prevent a slipping accident, which can possibly deter mission readiness.

cooperation, our homes and work areas can be hazard free. Taking time for safety often saves time.

Claims process begins with first packed box

Ensure compensation for lost items by closely watching documentation even if it means finding assistance

By Staff Sgt. Darren Lemons
52nd Fighter Wing Claims office

The moving season is finally winding down. While preparing to move members should also prepare for the claims process. The following tips will help ensure that if any property is lost or damaged during shipment, the owner can file a well-documented claim and be compensated what they're entitled.

The inventory is the most crucial step in the claims process. The owner must control the packing and inventorying of their household goods. If items aren't listed on the inventory, the owner may not be compensated for them.

Pack properly

One of the most common complaints is that there were a lot of packers and movers and it was too difficult to watch each person and make sure the inventory was done correctly. The way the claims process works, the owner or the person monitoring packing should get assistance. If all else fails, make a statement on the inventory describing problems encountered.

Also, make sure the packers write adequate descriptions of the contents on the boxes and on the inventory form. While the packers don't have to list every item, they should write the general description of the items on the outside of the boxes. The same description of each box (for example, toys, garage items, etc.) should also be written on the inventory.

Ensure any items that wouldn't logically be packed in a certain box are specifically listed, such as tools packed in a box marked clothes or a lamp packed in a box marked garage items. When filing a claim for an item that wouldn't reasonably be expected to be found in a certain box, the owner may not be compensated for its damage.

Also, ensure the carrier employee accurately describes the condition of the property on the forms. Owners who

disagree with the notations on pre-existing damage should write exceptions at the bottom of each inventory sheet in the remarks section.

Personal inventory

Owners are also encouraged to prepare a personal inventory of their household goods and gather substantiation to prove ownership and value of your major items. Before moving, make a list of the major items owned, such as electronic equipment and art. List the purchase prices and dates for these items and collect the documentation to prove it, such as serial numbers, make and model numbers, receipts of purchase and pre-shipment appraisals. Then take photographs or make a video to show the condition of the property. Keep this information separate from your household goods. Carry it or mail it to the next duty station. For very expensive and valuable property, the owner may want to get pre-shipment appraisals of their value.

Jewelry and similar items shouldn't be shipped. This includes card, coin and stamp collections.

To file a claim for such small, valuable, easily pilferable items, the owner won't be paid unless the items are specifically listed on the inventory and ownership and value can be substantiated. According to our statistics, jewelry is at very high risk during household goods shipments. Important personal documents such as stock certificates, birth and marriage certificates also shouldn't be shipped.

By accomplishing these simple steps to protect your property, owner's will be in good shape in the event they have to file a claim for property damage. Nevertheless, after delivery owners are still encouraged to promptly complete DD Form 1840/1840R to report any loss or damage and turn it in to the claims office within 70 days of delivery. Failure to turn in your "pink form" within the allotted time frame will result in a deduction being made from your award for the amount the Air Force could have collected from the carrier.

Call the claims office at 452-6394 or commercial 06565-61-6394 for more information about the claims process.

Eifel 105 FM Broadcast Schedule

Eifel 105 FM plays country from 9-11 a.m. Monday-Friday and Oldies 11a.m. to 1 p.m. What do you, the listening audience, think about this schedule? Call us at 453-9808 and let us know.

Monday-Friday

Adult rock, Midnight-5 a.m.
Adult contemporary, 5-6 a.m.
Local morning show, 6-9 a.m.
Country, 9-11 a.m.
Oldies, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Hot adult contemporary, 1-3 p.m.
Local afternoon show, 3-6 p.m.
Adult contemporary, 6-8 p.m.
Tom Joyner, 8-10 p.m.
Urban Jamz, 10 p.m.-midnight

Saturday

Rock, Midnight-5 a.m.
Hot adult contemporary, 5-10 a.m.
Adult contemporary, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Rick Dees, 2-6 p.m.
Hot adult contemporary, 6-9 p.m.
Urban Jamz, 9-11 p.m.
Doug Banks, 11 p.m.-midnight

Sunday

Doug Banks, Midnight-1 a.m.
Rock, 1-5 a.m.
Blues, 5-6 a.m.
Jazz, 6-7 a.m.
National Public Radio, 7-8 a.m.
Hot adult contemporary, 8-10 a.m.
Hispanic music, 10-11 a.m.
American Country Countdown, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Rick Dees, 3-7 p.m.
Blues, 7-9 p.m.
Adult contemporary, 9 p.m.-midnight

As Monday creeps closer, students, teachers gear-up for another year of learning

Back to school

School bus safety: A role for all

By Jesse Wright
District School Bus Office

The safety of our children is paramount to every member of this community and we all have an active role. Your School Bus Office transports over 900 DODDS students daily to our five schools and we do it twice daily.

Our community has an exemplary school bus safety record and I urge everyone to help us make it another good year.

Any operation of this magnitude has an inherent degree of risk. Our duty is to identify and manage those risks to make school bus operations as safe as possible for our children. Our vigilance is needed not only at the start, but also throughout the new school year. Each season brings with it different risks.

Parents of school bus riders need to ensure their children know and use the safest route possible to and from the bus stop. Parents must teach their children how to use crosswalks, pedestrian crossings, traffic lights and simply how to cross the street. Parents should ensure their children wear clothing easily visible to motorists and that their children practice safe behavior to and from the bus stop. Please remember that children are least visible to motorists during the winter months when we have fewer daylight hours.

There are many differences between riding a school bus in the states and here in Europe. The most important is that motorists on German roads may pass a school bus that is loading or unloading. Parents must teach their children to remain on the sidewalk and wait for the bus to depart before attempting to cross the street. However, on U.S. military bases, drivers approaching or following buses that have stopped for loading or unloading must stop. Drivers may proceed only after the bus has begun to move.

How our children conduct themselves on the bus also plays a role in bus safety; therefore, parents are encouraged to teach their children proper bus riding behavior. Proper behavior on the bus allows the driver to focus on safely driving the bus. A noisy bus prevents drivers from hearing emergency vehicles and focusing on the road. A reasonable noise level allows all the riders to have a pleasant experience.

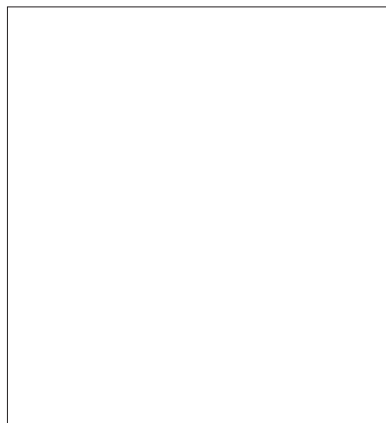
Students who misbehave are subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the 52nd Support Group Commander's policy on School Bus Discipline and

Motorists need to use extra care when children are departing for school or returning. Drivers should anticipate unexpected behavior from students and be prepared to react quickly.

Standards of Behavior. The Eifel Community Schools Liaison Officer investigates and adjudicates cases of student misconduct. Students who misbehave on the school bus may receive a suspension or revocation of school bus riding privileges. Students who damage buses will be held liable for the damages.

School administrators, security police and personnel from the student transportation office work together to ensure the most efficient loading zone operation at our schools. For our students' safety, they have designated traffic patterns and speed during loading and unloading operations. Support the procedures set in place and understand the emphasis is on providing a safe environment for all students.

The school bus office contracts for school bus service with local bus companies. The emphasis is on safe, efficient service and your suggestions are important to us. Call 452-5340 or 452-5352.



Photos by Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey

Zaira Cruz, Spangdahlem elementary 2nd grade teacher, prepares her classroom for the new school year. Classroom volunteers can help teachers by preparing supplies for lessons or coaching students in their studies. Call the schools for details or to sign-up.

Volunteerism is long-term investment that pays well

By Thomas Dillo
Schools Liaison Officer

Five Eifel Schools open their doors Monday to about 2,000 children for the 2000/2001 school year. I have the distinct honor of being the schools liaison officer for these schools. The administrators, staff, and teachers are truly dedicated to ensuring their students (your children) get the best education possible.

The teacher, as the professional educator, is challenged with educating the child; however, parents are the first teachers and the child continues to learn from them throughout their lives. Family involvement is the most important "long term investment a family can make" in a child's education. I urge parents to get involved and stay involved in their child's education.

There are many ways parents can get involved. Become a school volunteer — join the School Advisory Council, become a member of the School Board (a pilot program beginning this school year in the Eifel Schools) or join the Parent, Teacher, Student Association. Help is also needed in mentoring and tutoring, or simply visit your child's classroom.

Don't wait until the school calls. Call them to see how you can help. These are only a few of the ways parents can ensure their child succeeds in this rapidly changing, complicated world. Give your school a call today.

I look forward to working with you to ensure a safe and successful school year. Call me at 452-6942 if I can be of any assistance.

School phone numbers, contacts, information



Bitburg High School 11th grader Carlo Lanuza looks through the racks while shopping for school clothes and supplies.

Bitburg elementary

Principal: Susan Ussery
Assistant principal: Joyce Christian
Phone number: 453-7215
School Day: 8:15 a.m. to 2:43 p.m.

Bitburg middle

Principal: Ginny Briggs
Assistant Principal: To be announced
Phone Number: 453-7110
School Day: 8:15 a.m. to 2:55 p.m.

Bitburg high

Principal: Marjorie Lewallen

Assistant Principal: Mike Johnson
Phone Number: 453-7938
School Day: 8:05 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Spangdahlem elementary

Principal: Ruth Morgan
Assistant Principal: Dr. Heidi Shurtliff
Phone Number: 452-6881
School Day: 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Spangdahlem middle

Principal: Dr. Donna Warner
Assistant Principal: Sharon O'Donnell
Phone Number: 452-7205
School Day: 8 a.m. to 2:35 p.m.



Community Mailbox

School events

Bitburg Elementary School dismisses at 11 a.m. Monday. The "Meet and Greet the Principal" forum takes place at 1:30 p.m. Monday in the cafeteria. Call 453-7215 for more information.

Spangdahlem Middle School Open House takes place 8 a.m. Monday. A picnic takes place after the event. Call 452-7205 for more information.

Helmet check

The 52nd Medical Group Bicycle Helmet Fit Check for adults and children takes place at 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Spangdahlem Elementary School and Bitburg Middle School parking areas, Speicher and Binsfield government-leased housing basketball courts, and Herforst GLH pavilion. Call Capt. Elizabeth Katt at 453-3103 for details.

Volksmarch

Eifel Wanderers Volkmarching Club meets at 7 p.m. Sept. 6 at the Zum Stein Gasthaus in Metterich. New members welcome. Visit www.welcome.to/eifelwanderers for details.

German-American Club

The German-American Club meets at 3 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Zagreb Restaurant in Bitburg. Call Lisa Skinner at 453-8395 for event details or Tim Jachowski at 452-7415 about club membership.

Chapel event

"Rockin With the Cross" gospel service takes place at 6 p.m. Sept. 9 in the Bitburg Chapel. Practice takes place at 6 p.m. Tuesday and Sept. 5 in the chapel. All denominations welcome to attend. Call Rob Britton at 06565-9443322 or Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bob Lynch at 452-6711.

Membership drive

The Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club membership dinner meeting takes place at 6 p.m. Sept. 13 in the Bitburg Elementary School cafeteria. Call Barbara Best at 06565-956887 for more information about the club and to

In-line expertise

Shane Yost, in-line skating expert and world-wide competitor, demonstrates his skills on the base half-pipe Aug. 10. As a professional skater, Yost wears and promotes the use of protective gear, including helmets, elbow and knee pads. The base outdoor recreation center also strongly suggests the use of wrist guards. Call outdoor recreation at 452-7176 for more information.

Senior Airman Esperanza Berrios

make reservations.

Retiree Activities

Retiree Activities needs office volunteers to expand its hours. The office is currently open 5:30-8 p.m. Friday in Building 23. Contact Gary Hackl by calling 06565-614284, 06553-1745, or e-mail gary.hackl@spangdahlem.af.mil to volunteer or for details.

Contact retired Chief Master Sgt. Bobby Roberts, new Air Force Retiree Council area representative, at 06561-7591 or e-mail robertsd@surf1.de for more information concerning area retiree representation.

Home schooling

Eifel Home Schoolers offer information and support. Call Kimberly Carpenter at 06565-942675.

Sports physicals

Students planning to participate in Bitburg High School athletics must have a current sports physical on record. The Bitburg Hospital Pediatrics clinic offers these physicals free of charge. Football players must arrange physical date and time through the team coach. Volleyball, cross-country,

tennis and cheerleading physicals are offered 1-5 p.m. Wednesday by appointment only. See the school nurse to register.

Students must have a completed physical form, military ID card, and shot records for the appointment. Forms are available at the school or the Spangdahlem Clinic Physical Therapy section.

Cub Scouts

Pack 161 seeks volunteers for secretarial, registrar and fundraising positions. Call Bernadette Young at 06561-670473 for details.

Customs card

Military retirees and widows living in Germany, but not employed with the Defense Department, are required to have a German Customs Yellow Card to shop on military installations.

Register for the card at the Traffic Management office between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday in Building 121. Call Richard Thiel or Claudia Well at 452-5165 or 452-7208 for details and documents necessary for registration.

Binsfeld celebrates its 1156th anniversary

Village invites Americans to take part in local fest scheduled this weekend

By The Honorable Lothar Herres
Binsfeld Mayor

As far back as the Roman epoch, people have lived in the community of Binsfeld.

In the "unterer Wachholdenbuesch" district, the remainder of a Roman wall was uncovered in 1911. About 70 meters north of Binsfeld-Bruch street, three small houses were found. An additional discovery, a small square building, was also found. The excavation also uncovered Roman coins.

Other discoveries included clay pot pieces and roman ceramics. These findings attest to the fact that pottery shops were also in the Binsfeld area during Roman times.

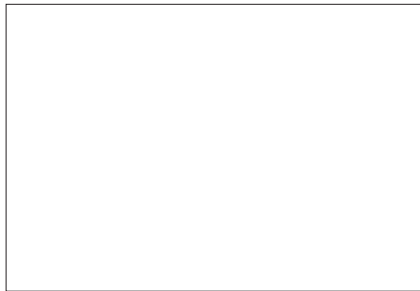
The first documentation of the Binsfeld community can be found in a certificate from Oct. 25, 844. At the time, the Binsfeld community belonged to the prince elected influential region from Trier. This remained so until the takeover of control by the French.

With the question of the oldest pottery kiln in the county region, one must look to Binsfeld, which belongs, along with Herforst and Speicher, to the tradition-rich pottery towns in the Southwest Eifel. Even in 1845, these three towns composed a guild.

In 1958, Binsfeld underwent a sociological change never before experienced in the history of the village. More than one-third of the village's boundaries were requisitioned for the construction of the Spangdahlem Air Base.

The owners were compensated for their land losses, but only a few farmers could replace their lost meadows and fields through acquisition of other properties.

Since 1951, because construction of the airbase began, a social upheaval of the village residents professions took place. Many residents who had previously worked their small farms looked for odd jobs or traded housewares or textiles. Some applied for permanent work on the new air



Courtesy photos

Religious art can be seen throughout the village of Binsfeld, including stone crosses and reliefs.

base.

Many of the town's buildings which had been used for farming were converted into apartments for rent by incoming U.S. military families.

The previously poor people of the town experienced within a few years considerable growth in income as a result of employment on the base, apartment rentals and economic contracts with the Americans.

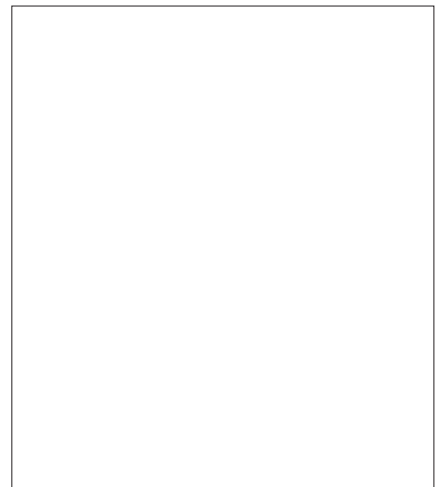
The town changed its appearance a few years later. Many native Binsfelders had new homes constructed. Newly constructed designated walking paths and paved streets offered access throughout the town. The kindergarten was expanded and equipped with modern toys and equipment.

Binsfeld celebrates its 1156th anniversary Sept. 1-4.

Festivities begin 2 p.m. Sept. 1 with the town square grand opening, a concert and a performance by the village kindergarten class.

"MANIAC" and "IN FLAGRANTI" take the stage at 9 p.m.

Festivities begin again at noon Sept 2. Activities include a children's workshop, handcraft sales, a soccer tournament and more. Traditional foods are also available for a fee, including coffee, potato cakes, deer goulash,



View of Binsfeld from a hill. New construction of the Binsfeld Parish Church (center) began in August 1848. In May 1954, the parish community received four new bells for the church. The bells were a donation from the civilian community of Binsfeld.

smoked fish and freshly pressed apple cider.

At 8 p.m., the USAFE Band "GALAXY" from Sembach Air Base, Germany, takes the stage in the festival tent. Dancing with the "Binsfelder Musicians (Musikanten)" follows.

The schedule for Sept. 3 includes 150 Year Anniversary Celebratory Mass at the Binsfeld church.

A morning social takes place at 9 a.m., and the Washington D.C.-based Air Force Honor Guard performs between noon and 7 p.m. Dancing begins at 7 p.m. in the festival tent.

Festivities continue throughout the evening on Sept 4 with more dancing.

German custom makes very first day of school full of sweet memories

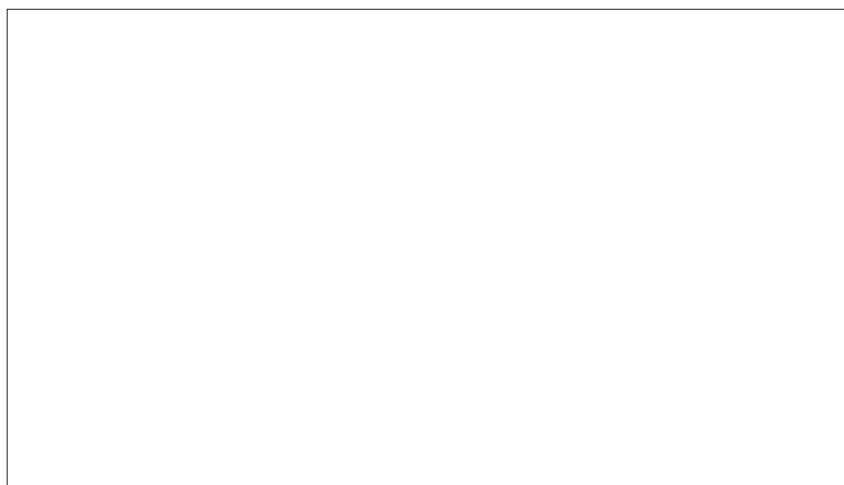
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Summer school break is over in Rheinland-Pfalz and German kids looked forward to their very first day in school on Aug. 8.

A popular German tradition for 1st graders is to carry a colorful "Schultuete" to school, which is given to them by their parents and friends that morning.

This gift is usually handmade and filled with candy, creating a sweet memory of the first day in school. In the presence of parents, brothers and sisters, the new students take a look at the inside of their gift bag.

In the following weeks, drivers should be especially cautious because children will be on the roads walking to school and it's a new experience for all of them.



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Children holding their Schultueten gather for a group photo in front of Binsfeld Elementary School following their school introduction. Schultueten, often containing candy and toys, are given the first day of school, easing the stress of being away from the family in a new environment for the first time.

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Bitburg Castle

Today

X-Men (PG-13)

Outcasts since birth, the X-Men are the next step of human evolution, each born with a unique genetic mutation that give them extraordinary powers that they've learned to harness for the greater good. But mankind fears what it doesn't understand, and the X-Men soon realize that the race they fight to protect against incalculable evil rejects them. Action violence.

Saturday

X-Men

Sunday

X-Men

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Small Time Crooks (PG)

Ray Winkler is a "small time crook" with big dreams. Wealth comes from an unexpected direction, helping fulfill his dreams. But there is an ancient curse about getting everything you wish for. Language.

Thursday

Center Stage (PG-13)

A tight-knit group of young dance students try to make a name for themselves and become stars in the fiercely competitive world of professional dance. Language and sensuality.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

Gone in 60 Seconds (R)

Randall "Memphis" Raines is a car thief of legendary proportion. No fancy lock or alarm could stop him. When his kid brother tries to follow in his footsteps Memphis is sucked back into his old ways. Violence, sexuality and language.

Saturday

Gone in 60 Seconds

Sunday (7 and 9 p.m.)

Dinosaur (PG)

During the late Cretaceous Period, an Iguanodon named Aladar, is separated from his own species and raised on an island paradise by a clan of Lemurs. When a devastating meteor shower plunges their world into chaos, Aladar and his family search for a safe new nesting ground. Intense images.

Monday

Road Trip (R)

Four friends take off on a 1,000 mile trip across the country - Ithaca NY to Austin TX. Sexual content, crude humor, language and drug use.

Tuesday

Dinosaur

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 453-7541.

Manderscheid

Where the past meets the present

Celebrate the knight at medieval festival

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The ruins of two splendid fortresses form an impressive background for a historical castle celebration Saturday and Sunday at the health resort of Manderscheid, located in the heart of the Eifel.

At the Turnierweise (jousting meadow or training grounds) at the foot of the Niederburg or lower castle, a group of knights from Duesseldorf create a jousting place where knights on their horses battle with lances, swords, bows and spears during the two-day festival.

Minstrel singers and small singing groups will present songs and ballads from three centuries ago. They'll accompany dances from the 15th and 16th centuries on historical instruments. A small village built on the jousting meadow will show what life was like in the Middle Ages.

A traditional handicraft market sets up at the same time and remains open both days.

The festival officially kicks-off Saturday at 11 a.m. with announcements and musical entertainment by Herold Holger der Helle & Chur-Trier. Jugglers and stilt walkers can be seen at noon with singing performances and a play by Poeta Magica following at 12:30 p.m. Next are performances by the Ensemble Chordae Salientes at 2:30 p.m. Historical fighting scenes by the Duesseldorf feudal knights take place at 4 p.m. Entertainment by the street musician Robert Klein is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. A concert by Poeta Magica & Aptus Ludus, belly dancing and singing performances take place at 7:30 p.m. Additional fighting scenes take place at 9 p.m. The fire juggler Rebasius Funkenflug entertains guests at 10:15 p.m. A fire works display is scheduled to take place at 10:30 p.m. over the Niederburg

Knights settle their differences in a sword fight as curious onlookers wonder who will win during the Manderscheid Historical Castle Festival.

castle.

Sundays activities continue with a church service and performances by the Saint Hubertus church choir, and the Manderscheid tower trumpeters at 10:45 a.m. The market opens at 11:15 a.m. Middle-age demonstrations start at noon with more historical fencing performances by the Loewen-banners knights following at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Fencing performances and most of the entertainment end at 10 p.m. when Manfred Ulirich die Spitzburden close-out with the festival concert. The band, Great Curfew, takes the stage at 9:30 p.m. before the closing concert.

Manderscheid's two castle ruins can also be visited daily throughout the year. It's open daily from 10:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Niederburg maintains shorter hours from November to March. Entry is free.

Manderscheid is located north of the Moselle River, directly north of Autobahn A48. To get there, take a right outside the main gate and follow the signs. Upon entering Manderscheid stay on the main road until reaching the

Photos by Iris Reiff

The Oberburg, the upper castle, is the oldest in Manderscheid dating back to the year 973. The Niederburg, the lower castle, was built in 1173.

first main intersection. Take a right at the intersection, following the signs "Zu den Burgen" or to the castles.

Out and about

■ Visit a flea market Sunday in front of the Machern Cloister; in front of the Konz Edeka Center store, in front of the Trier-Zewen Extra Markt; and as part of the Grolstein Sprudel festival.

■ A concert by the Rheinische Philharmonie State Orchestra from Koblenz takes place Sunday, at 3 p.m., at the Bitburg Roman Villa Orang, located near the community of Fliessem. Other events take place at the 'Villa' in conjunction with a special Adventure Day.

■ Smaller wine and wine street festivals take place this weekend in Enkirch, Cochem, Kroev, Trittenheim, Neumagen-Dhron, Zeltingen-Rachtig, Kinheim-Kindel, Burg, Zell-Kaimt, Trier, Kluss-erath and Winningen.

■ Stop by the annual summer festival of the Bitburg Saint Martin School and Kindergarten, Sept. 3, starting at 10 a.m. This year the school celebrates their 30th anniversary with music by local bands, workshops for small and tall, a great flea market,

dancing performances, lots of food and beverages, and more. St. Martin School is known from Special Children's Day and is located on Koelner Strasse 14, Im Schloessen.

■ The Bad Duerkheim Sausage Festival takes place Sept. 8-12 and Sept. 15-18.

■ Enjoy the Munich October festival Sept. 16-30.

■ Visit the Luxembourg City Schobermesse today through Sept. 6. This event is known as the October festival for the Benelux countries. On schedule is music, enter-

tainment and an amusement park in the center of town.

■ Enjoy the Limes art prize competition 2000 featuring international art Saturday through Sept. 17. The exhibition is open 2-5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

■ The annual Bern-kastel Middle-Mosel wine festival takes place Thursday through Sept. 4. A fireworks display over the Burg Landslut takes place at 9 p.m. Sept. 2, along with a parade at 2 p.m. Sept. 3 through the streets of town.

■ "Hard Pop Days 2000"

features a concert by Die Aerzte, Die Fantastischen 4, Bloodhound Gang and Bad Religion. The concert takes place Sept. 3 at the Koblenz Ehrenbreitstein castle. Tickets are 66 DM and are available the ticket hot line at 0180-5202205.

■ Reserve your ticket now for the Rock am See open-air festival Sept. 1-2 in Losheim, located in the state of Saarland. The concert features numerous popular bands on stage. Tickets can be obtained at the Popp Ticket Service at 0651-970550.